

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 5-7 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DE 35 40 264 A1 and in view of Darling in U.S. Patent No. 2,767,735. Further, claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of DE 35 40 264 A1 and Darling in U.S. Patent No. 2,767,735 as applied to claims 1, 5-7 and 10, and further in view of Walton in U.S. Patent No. 5,494,244. Claims 11 and 12 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be otherwise allowable.

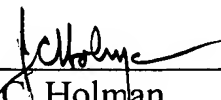
In response to the informalities noted by the Examiner, claim 11 has been canceled and claim 1 have been amended with the subject matter of claim 11 incorporated into claim 1. Accordingly, in view of the indication of the allowability of claim 11, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present application, as they now stand, patentably distinguish over the references cited and applied by the Examiner and are, therefore, in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

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